## HOW TO MAKE A STATUE

TOOLS AND APPLIANCES USED BY PRACTICAL SCULPTORS.

They Are Simple and Any Ambitious Boy May Provide Them for Himself-Mechanics of the Art.

Not every boy who amuses himself and the other members of his class by drawing funny pictures of his teacher may hope to become a great sculptor. Nevertheless, there are plenty of brilliant examples of talent, displayed during childhood in just such ways, which has attained the greatest fame for its possessor in advancing years.

Frederick Remington, whose pictures of American Indians and horses have made his name familiar to every boy in this country, used to spend spare hours tracing out images of horses with a sharp stick in the dirt of his grandfather's back yard.

Paul Bartlett, a famous American sculptor, who lives in Paris, began his career by modeling likenesses of his grandmother in clay, one of which is now regarded as the best thing he ever did.

Consequently, if a boy or girl shows great interest in making likenesses of anything, in clay, or with pencil, or even penknife, the question is worth investigating, and with a little encouragement, the talent, if it be such, will soon develop. In any case, children enjoy playing with clay just as they like to make mud ples and paper dolls. Any boy can make a sculptor's outfit for

himself attempting to fashion busts of his father and mother or little sister, there is no harm done, except to the feelings of his models, who may object to being carica-To such boys and girls as are ambitious

himself, and then if he wants to amuse

to become great sculptors, a little advice may not be unwelcome, and those who have no such dreams may listen, too, and go off and amuse themselves with the implements of created art.

You must first build a framework for the model. Any carpenter will build it under your directions, but it is better to know how to do it yourself. The base is to be made of two slabs of half-inch pine about a foot square, securely fastened together to the sides with two pieces of wood, each an inch thick and four inches wide. In the center of this you will insert an upright stick, nearly as long as your bust is high. Near the top of the upright you secure a cross piece, forming a cross. This is to be a support for the shoulder. You will now cover this skeleton work with clay until it reaches about half the required thickness, and let it stand over night to dry and make a solid cone or foundation for the artistic work of the outside.

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS. Should you decide upon making a statuette, your skeleton or framework would be a little more complicated. For a figure two and one-half feet high you should procure a square fron bar about two feet long and an inch thick, with three legs or braces at the bottom containing screw-holes, by which the contrivance is fastened to a wooden base. Then take a piece of halfinch lead pipe and with copper wires fasten it to the end of the iron bar, leaving it long enough to penetrate to the middle of the to be changed as desired.

Now affix a wooden brace where the shoulders are to be, and another at the This kind of drilling continues for an inwidest part of the hips, and through holes | definite period, until the features and the | ing growth-the apotheosis of grass, lifted in the upper braces arrange twisted copper wire or lead pipe so that it will extend through the arms. With similar attachments to the lower braces for the legs and | to familiarize him with the human proporone or two extra pieces of wood wired on | tions. This is called anatomy in art. to help support the weight, you will be ready to begin modeling. The skeleton for a large statue would be substantially the same, but many more supports would be needed, and they must be arranged with considerable mechanical skill to support

the greatly increased weight. A modeling stand is a necessary adjunct | The Independent. at this stage of the proceedings. This is and, even when you are working, sprinkle | young plums and apples. it now and then, so that your modeling will | Since the first of May the bushes and the

nor expensive. With these simple things

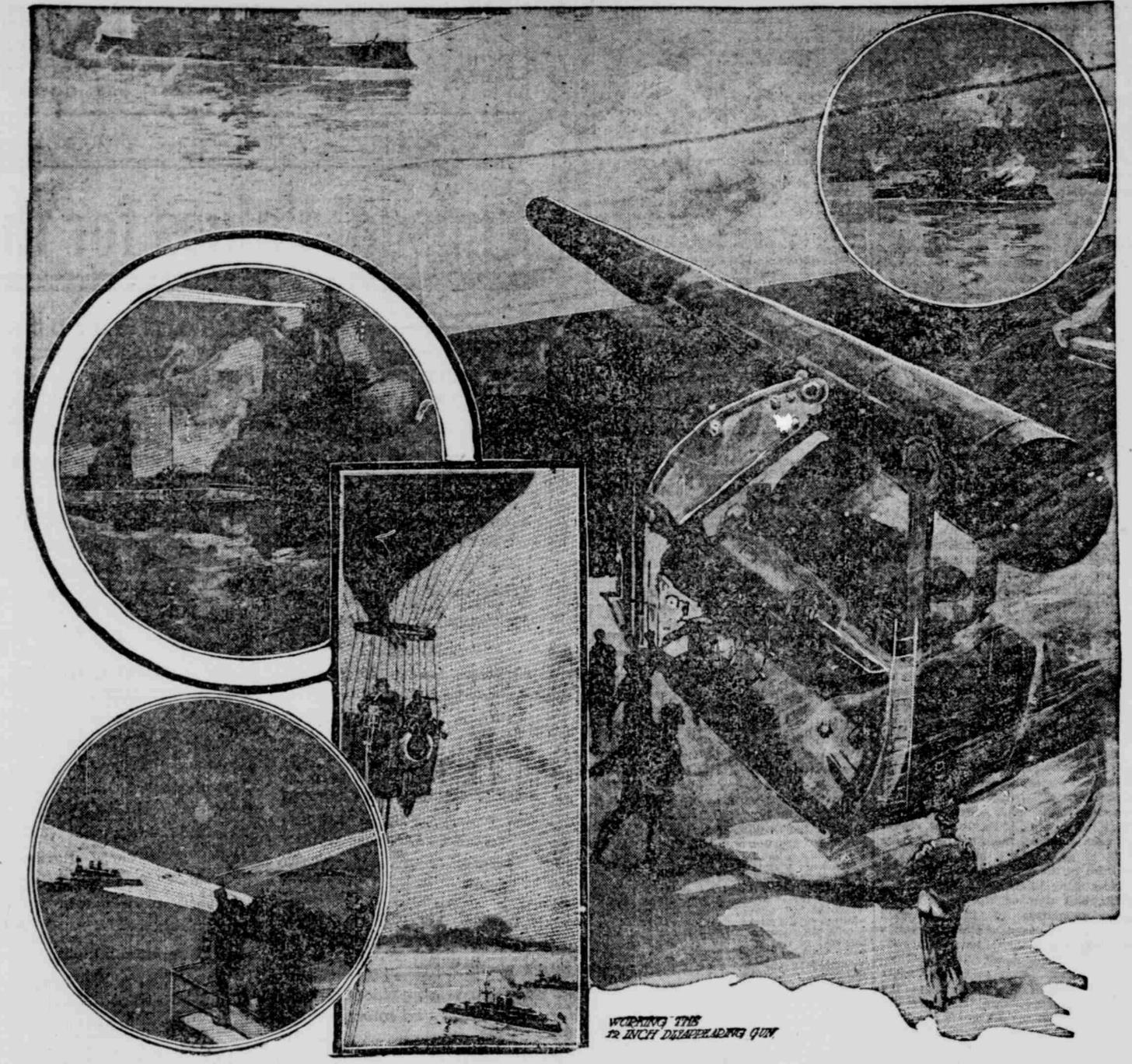
FINGERS ARE SUFFICIENT.

ing to the fancy of the workman. The best modeling tools are the ten fingers. Sometimes helps are needed, however, and for this purpose there are tools made of wire right when he said that the best gain that or boxwood. Wire tools for sculptors can | man has made over the rest of the world be bought in any art furnishing store, but is in lengthened infancy; for in this way the box wood implements the sculptor usual- strain the purely natural desires, and have gin to look forward, through the narrowly makes for himself.

Some sculptors provide themselves with a modeling costume. This is apt to be a long harmony, devotion and music. It creates | Happy New Year. linen robe, reaching to the heels, to protect | the social world, the family worship-withtheir clothes, and a smoking cap or any old | out which even birds would be interesting hat. Such sculptors as J. Scott Hartley, J. Q. A. Ward and others wear their old is closed. After the first of August most clothes as they would if gardening. This is of the birds stop singing and talk prose. many sculptors who abjure the old clothes | and possibly some other birds, will con-He holds to the idea that a sculptor should | selves. It is not easy to find out what | There used to be a dog fountain at the old never be so disrespectful to his art as to kindly and social you will find your cat-

made you have your tools, a framework for loving than any other creature is capable This is all right as far as it goes, but you at you out of the bushes will modulate his approach of the hunting season, when higher. The first faculty to be developed is that of imitation. The student must first raspberry to July; but she kept the stance, a finger to the whole hand; an arm | ure more unique than fishing and hunta beginner to take actual measurements argue with you. They be like a politician, until after considerable practice-until, in and yet what a glorious recompense. This apart for dogs at railway stations and the future of the automobile may be in doubt, fact, it has been taught to see correctly. is not the pride of the office seeker. There ! ill-ventilated and badly-lighted condition | but there is no question that for the present What the mind's eye sees the hands can ex- is no berry so luscious, nor one that better of the boxes or kennels provided in rail- the demand is rising at a great rate. On

## JOINT ARMY AND NAVY MANEUVERS, NOW IN PROGRESS.



Mimic war will rage all this week on land and sea in the vicinity of New York. The final preparations, such as the planting of mines, etc., began at midnight last Thursday and will be concluded at 12 o'clock to-night, when the period of hostilities will commence. The state of war will continue until noon of Saturday. Much powder will be burned by the forts and on the warships, and the maneuvers will resemble actual war as near as possible without the use of shot and shell. There will be bombardments and assaults, mines and obstructions will be used by the army to "destroy" warships, and military balloons will keep the officers posted as to movements of the enemy. The maneuvers have been planned on a gigantic scale, and will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted before.

powers of observation, and their rapid or

A strongly marked cast of a hand or foot is usually considered the best thing to be- creature of art, but the blackberry is as gin upon; then go on to the eyes, mouth and nose. The features of David are espe- tected by a body guard of bayonets, is the head. This allows the position of the head cially recommmended for copying, being one berry that once made nature called made." both large and sharp. The student may perfect and does not care to improve? then undertake a mask from the antique. external anatomy are fully mastered. Every student of the national academies is required to take a course in human anatomy,

#### MAUD H. WHITNEY. THE TOP OF THE YEAR.

#### A Pleasant Little Talk of the Seasons in Their Round.

The year reaches the top of the hill about much like an ordinary office stool with a July 20. Then it is that the cicada begins revolving seat. For a large statue, a very to rasp in the trees and the fireflies are substantial revolving platform is needed. | thick in the short grass. The hay has been | mix and soften your clay so that you can perfume of clover. The barns are packed work it easily. Then do not forget that with the equine feasts of the long winter your statue must not be allowed to dry or days that are steadily approaching. How

be more facile. By many sculptors a zinc | trees have been full of love songs. The cover is considered better than cloths, but | thrushes have built close to our balconies | any old rag well moistened will answer the | and we have become deeply interested in purpose. A bowl of water standing under- each other's doings. When not too busy neath such a cover will keep the work with domestic affairs the catbirds have inmoist and in good condition for several | terrogated us as to the meaning of fountain pens and the manuscripts preparing An easel for reliefs-a common easel, but | for the Independent. That fellow who has higher than usual; a modeling board, which | his home in the English elm is positive that is only a common board of any convenient | bird life is more simple, wholeful and natwidth, with slats nailed across, a quarter ural. The gypsy would suit him better than of an inch apart, to keep the clay from we who people houses. He has supreme slipping; to these supports add a few | contempt for old buildings that are used modeling tools, small and light, and the over and over year after year. His houses are always new. But the birdlings have been reared and they have flown-and the songs are ended. What would the birds be all the statues of the world have been; but for this month spent in the rearing and training of families? It calls out higher

faculties and nobler efforts, and in this way all nature is pointing forward. The modeling tools are very much accord- "What would the world be if the children were no more? We should dread the desert behind us more

> than the dark before.' Longfellow is right. And so was Fiske we have increased those influences that refather is lifting the birds into a life of

But for the present year the song book will try you will find that your cathird, verse in quite a modulated gamut of sound. catbird will still be somewhere about us; they are doing. But if you care to be very appear before the masterpiece that he is bird is one of the most social and loving creatures in the world. You will soon get him fond of you, so that he will call you, and will respond, in tones more tender and

that your mechanics! knowledge | tones to tell a most sincere affection, There is one thing that peculiarly beongs to and glorifies the top of the year. Nature gave the strawberry to June, the crowning glory of all berries-the blackblackberrying you have missed a pleasing, as it is more innocent. "You shall provided at railway stations and in railway be clothed in buckskin," says Old Humphrey, "and even then these brambles will who will buttonhole you, and perforce you to cruelty and unnecessary suffering, ow- the horrible Fair tragedy in France ought edute, and no more. What the student sees at the outset is not of much account; and it is only after he discovers this fact that earnest study and progress begin. The rate of advancement depends upon the natural itteth the inside of a ple. Siften delicately | way carriages and vans, but, further, that | the day when the news of the Fair tragedy

wild strawberry has become highly civithat here, surounded by barbs and pro-The top of the year has another specific glory of its own in that just then the corn fields are at its height of their rich wavand higher uses. For it is a fact that this maize, which is thus rising upward, with its tasseled glory and its wealth of foliage -the grandest product of American vegetation-is only ennobled grass. This is the eple of the field—the song of nature, rising from the lowly to the higher; to praise the thought and the purpose that works in all things. Here we have illustrated what possibilities lie in the commonest thingspossibly also in the commonest folk. Aristocracy and blue blood are not recognized by nature. The best and the highest come from the least significant,

Tim, as he stops his scythe a moment. "The cream of the day!" Mem: then we tainly unwise, and especially at this time of the year robs the day of its chiefest appearing over the eastern hills; yet when orchards, our houses. It examines everything. A glorious sunset is wonderful; but never personal. Sunrise means warmth, love, approach; we and the sun have something to do-together. Yes, Tim, the top of the morning to us all!

"O sound to rout the brood o' cares; The sweep of scythe in morning dew! The gust that round the garden flew; And tumbled half the mellowing pears!" An early riser must be a poet-whether he will or not. The morning has an at-

mosphere of beauty and goodness as if

some one had been abroad putting things The top of the year is like the top of the morning-it does not last. We are moving steadily down to shorter days and to darker mornings. The king's fool laughed when he went up hill, because he "could go down next," and he wept when going down hill, because next he "might go up." There is philosophy in turning our pains into pleasures. No matter if we leave behind us the apple harvest, with the echo of the their Baldwins and Spys through all the valley orchards. After that we shall bedeveloped moral purposing. The same ing days, to a new spring and a new burst parental love that lifts the mother and the of rich, fresh life. In the middle of the winter we joyously greet each other "A

## In Behalf of Dogs.

New York Commercial Advertiser. The raising of a fund by Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske to provide dog fountains around the city, and the fact that they have been considered of sufficient importance to have designs for them furnished by the Municipal Art Commission, argues for about two months the robin and the | an increasing appreciation of man's inhumanity to dogs. Few are the drinking places for lost or deserted dogs in the city Academy of Design, but for many years no attempt was made to keep it supplied with water. Unless an unfortunate dog finds a pool of water at a hydrant there is no opportunity for him to quench his thrist unless he is wise enough to find his way to the parks and tall enough to reach up to of uttering. A little shy all the time he | the water in the fountain bowl. In London will come within a few feet, and peeping | the Board of Agriculture, in view of the many dogs are transported, has issued a circular to the railroad companies containing a few delicate hints which it is to be hoped will reach railroad officials more susceptible to prodding than some on this side berry-for August. If you never went | the board has from time to time "received many complaints with regard to the unsatisfactory nature of the accommodations carriages or luggage vans in connection with the conveyance of dogs; and it has been said that not only are dogs subjected must listen. They have you at all sides, ing to the want of pen accommodation set to have a decidedly sobering effect. The

wildness, and mostly away from their railway companies themselves rather than from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in the agthorniness, except the blackberry. The by action on the part of either Parliament | gregate. Whether the French machine is or of the board, and it would therefore be | preferred or whether the automobile manlizeu; the raspberry is pre-eminently a glad if the matter might receive considera- | ufacturers in the United States cannot keep keen and wild as ever. Why? Is it not | commodation and facilities provided for the purpose in question, and the avoidance of | behind their orders. On the streets of

#### METHODISM AND MUNHALL.

#### or lifting itself to more beautiful forms | Church Still in Good Condition in Spite of Evangelist.

New York Tribune. The Methodist Church will probably be lapsing into open infidelity and the everthem, and they are by no means agreeable but it will be interested in protecting to convey. But stern duty constrains us; others. "The top of the morning to you!" says and, indeed, we are not sure that such delicacy and forbearance are required in must be up by daybreak; for it is at that | reading the riot act to an organization time only that one may know what is the | which has so far fallen from grace as to top of the morning-the real cream color | put spires upon and choirs into its churches of sunrise. "Man is the only animal that | and thus to worship God in the beauty of liketh not to rise early in the morning. Why | art and architecture as well as of holiness. Have a zinc-lined box or pail in which to cut and the world is sweetened with the he should lose the cool delight of the dewy | When to this we add that many of its hours and prefer the dust and heat of mid- | teachers and preachers have actually takday I know not, unless it be that we have | en to employing scientific methods of study gone too far from nature in the chase and research, and esteem the highest atafter the artful, which we call culture." | tainments of the human intellect as not | crack over night. To provide against this, deliciously a cow's breath smells when she | Some one calls man "Ye trading animal. | inappropriate for the service of God, we This breach with nature is cer- echoed in non-if not anti-Methodistic

thority would be far greater outside the livorcement from astronomical science. forming to its fashions; that a large maority of the teachers in leading Methodist nstitutions of learning deny the infallible authority of the Bible, and that as a result membership of the church.

Mr. Munhall think it is true, if he really loes so; dreadful, that is to say, for Mr. sitting up o' nights in worriment over it. in art and architecture and scholarship ceptable tribute. They seem to prefer the earnest, profound and reverent intellectual culture of such schools as Wesleyan and ically possible good. Boston universities to that represented by the estimable Dopper, who insisted that the devil must have horns and cloven hoofs and a barbed tail because a picture in his family Bible thus represented him, and, of course, that book must have been infallibly inspired from lid to lid. It is even rumored that there are Methodists who think that a church which has within the memory of men of middle age grown from 10,000 to 27,000 congregations, from 923,000 to nearly 3,000,000 members, from 600,000 to more than 3,000,000 Sunday-school scholars. is not quite in danger of immediate extinction. Of course, it has not, with all these things, the approval of Mr. Munhall, which is very sad. We should say it is amusing were it not that Mr. Munhall probably thinks nothing connected with a church should be regarded as amusing. So we repeat that it is very sad. But we should not be a bit surprised if the Methodist Church survived it and continued to do pretty well, thank you, in spite of the crisis of Mr. Munhall.

## To Check Automobilists.

Springfield Republican. Automobiling is as yet in this country largely a fad or sport of people of means, and among those who are so desperately crowded for excitement that they must seek it in running the machines at high rates of speed over the public highway

complaints such as those which have been | Paris the automobile has become common, our own country is rapidly extending from sport of the rich to business purposes. There is no reason to doubt that the maovershadowing means of transit where the railway is unavailable; and before the development and regulation of the electric public authority is called up on to deal with this new species of locomotion. One thing will have to be insisted upon from the state, in a serious crisis, and in danger of and more an hour in the public highway, such as was being maintained by Mr. and Mrs. Fair, will not be tolerated, or anything lasting bow-wows. Such tidings will be like such a speed. The State may not be unwelcome to the subject and object of so much interested in preventing dare-

## BETTING AND DUELING.

#### President Hadley Draws a Parallel Between Them.

It is customary to treat this habit of bet- numbers may be sometimes. A young man ting as if it were nothing but a manifesta- was just about to sell some real estate tion of the gambling spirit-the spirit which enjoys the excitement connected with risk of any kind, and which takes | that were expecting to purchase it discovpecuniary risks on current events for the ered that there was a flaw standing in the have a few old cloths, rubber, wool, or comes up out of the pasture. The dews of ye birds." At any rate the birds and all indictment which is framed against the for a part of the practice, but not for the even cotton. Wet these thoroughly and wet are white and hang in arops on millions of the beasts love best the daybreak; and Methodist Episcopai Church by its critic-in- whole. If betting on sports had been nothyour bust or statue when not at work on it, cobwebs, and drip down all night from the are then abroad singing or elsewise show- chief, and which is here and there eagerly ing more than an indulgence of the prorensity to gamble, it would probably have ocen restricted long ago. But it has an-The authority for this arraignment of other function, and a very important one. pleasure. The sun is already slack about | Methodism is a certain Mr. Munhall, who | It can be used as a means of checking irwill be remembered as having formerly responsible talk. The propensity of some if does greet through the trees what a been a provincial dentist, and who has in people to brag and bluster makes them cordial sun it is! It seems to have a per- | recent years industriously striven to at- at times a public nuisance. The men in sonal interest in us and in our farms, our tain some vogue as a professional "revival- our colleges, especially the younger and deed had passed from the father to the son ist" and Biblical expounder of the ultra nore callow ones, are no exception to this orthodox variety. Some have called rule. Under these circumstances, the dehim "the Rev. Dr. Munhall, and seem to mand that the blusterer shall back his regard him as an authority on Methodist | words by a wager of money becomes a | ter soon found that they had a difficult job | in the hands of the binder, and within a doctrine and polity. It is strange that | means of pretection to those about him they should do so, for, of course, his au- against the unpleasant talk which is otherwise dinned into their ears. official ranks of that church than within | In this respect the practice of betting them; just as the apostle of "de sun do has a function not unlike that which was

move" had his chief strength in his entire | exercised by the practice of duelling a century or two ago. In generations past the That, however, is a side issue. The point blusterer was compelled to make good his whether she was maid, wife or widow at of chief interest is that Mr. Munhall says words by the wager of his life. We have there is a crisis in Methodism; that many | become quieter in our temper at the begin-Methodists are courting the world and con- | ning of the twentieth century, and only demand that he shall wager his money. But | young man was more than desirous of sellthe principle is the same in the two cases. This can be used, to some extent, as a theoretical justification for the practice of there is comparatively little increase in the betting. It is, however, far more defensible desirous of coming into possession of it, All of which would be very dreadful if it argument, for in actual life betting fails to were true. Perhaps it is dreadful to have accomplish its object. In this respect, also, the parallel between betting and duelling | transaction. holds good. The duel checked irresponsible Munhall's peace of mind and ease of diges- | language on the part of those who could tion. We must confess, however, that there | not fight; but to those who were ready to indemnity instead of a restraint. In like manner, the public tolerance of betting al-Creator the best that is at their command lows those who have money to wager to give themselves free indulgence in boasting. they are laying before Him a not unac- In betting, as in dueling, the whole community suffers under the evils of the practice, without realizing much of the theoret-

## The Humorous Telephone Man.

"It took me an hour and a half to call up a man through the long-distance telephone the other day.' "Wasn't it tiresome waiting?" "Not at all. I amused myself reading the framed announcement: 'The mails are fast, the telegraph is faster, but the iong-distance telephone is instantaneous."

#### The Soldier's Prayer. Near the campfire's flickering light,

In my blanket bed I lie, Gazing through the shades of night At the twinkling stars on high. O'er me spirits in the air Silent vigils seem to keep, As I breathe my childhood's prayer, 'Now I lay me down to sleep.

Softly sings the whip-poor-will

In the boughs of yonder tree; Laughingly the dancing rill Swells the midnight melody. Foemen may be lurking near the canyon dark and deep; Low I breathe in Jesus' ear, 'I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep." 'Mid those stars one face I see-

One the Savior took away-Mother, who in infancy Taught my baby lips to pray. Her sweet spirit hovers near, In the lonely mountain brake; Take me to her. Savior dear, If I should die before I wake."

Fainter glows the flickering light

Plaintively the birds of night Fill the air with saddening cries. Over me they seem to ery, "You may no more awake."
Low I plead: If I should die,
"I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take." -Leslie's Weekly.

PUBLIC LIBRARY. They Are Complete with All the Issues of the Indianapolis Daily Publications.

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ALL ARE IN POSSESSION OF THE

dianapolis public library possesses complete files of every Indianapolis newspaper from the time of the initial issue of each one up to the present day. When Judge A. L. Roache left this city recently to take up his permanent residence with his family near Los Angeles, Cal., he turned over to the library his carefully preserved collection of local newspapers, including every issue of the Journal and the Sentinel from 1857 until 1870, and since the judge's departure the work of replacing missing and mutilated numbers of the papers has been going on steadily day after day under the supervision of the city librarian, Miss Eliza G. Browning. The task, which has been a tedious one, was finished a few days ago, and Miss Browning, who is delighted over the result, says that the completion of the files will fill a long-felt want. She is of opinion that there is no other complete file of the Journal in existence, as the Journal itself does not possess a copy of every issue since its first publication, in 1823. The earlier files of the two Indianapolis morning papers, from the first issues up to the year of 1874, were presented to the Indianapolis library in the first year of its existence by Calvin Fletcher, sr., the old pioneer willing the papers to the institution just before his death. NOT MANY INTACT.

Strange as it may seem, there are very few newspapers in the country that can boast of complete files without a missing or mutilated number among them. Some of the large New York publications have from time to time offered big prices for much-desired copies which would round out perfect files if they were only to be obtained. Most people seem to think that because the selling price of a single copy of a newspaper is but nominal there can be no harm in clipping from the old files any article, poem, or advertisement that they may desire to possess, wholly unconscious of the fact that the mutilation of old and valuable newspapers is a penitentiary offense. The local library, as well as the State library, has had its troubles with ignorant vandals of this kind, and nowadays it is quite impossible to take a file of valuable newspapers away from either institution for any purpose whatever unless the borrower is accompanied by an attendant, whose duty it is to watch over the precious publications and assure their safe return, intact and unharmed.

"You would be surprised if I could only enumerate all of the important law cases that have depended for a decision upon the back numbers of some local newspaper,' said Miss Browning while in a reminiscent mood. "Since I have been at the head of the Indianapolis library there have been many occasions when I have been called assistants, before a judge or a jury with a file of old papers. Only a short time ago there was a case in St. Louis which could not possibly be decided until several old and the horse uncommon, and its use in issues of the Indianapolis Journal had been brought into court as evidence. And i wasn't a news article, either, upon which chine has come to stay as a permanent and the decision depended. It was an advertisement. So, you see, the preservation of the advertisements in the papers is just as railway are anywhere near complete, the important to us as the protection of the reading matter. In this instance the defendant in the case was able to prove surprised to learn that it is in a parlous start. Express train speeds of sixty miles through the Journal's back numbers that he had inserted in several issues an advertisement of some mechanical invention for which he had received a patent. I forget just the exact nature of the legal entanglement, but I recall that those old newspapers in question were instrumental in winning the case for the defendant.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

"Then there was another incident of interest in connection with the sale of a piece | On of property here in the city which illus- | Earth trates how invaluable old newspaper back which he had inherited, when the parties an old woman that had been a friend of the neglected to prefix the necessary 'Miss' or cast a cloud upon the title, although the lawyers engaged to straighten out the maton their hands, for the old woman had left the city about the time she had given tives in Indianapolis, and, try as they would, the lawyers could not discover a long time the matter 'hung fire.' The ing the property, for he needed the money badly, and the other parties were just as but there was that impassable barrier standing in the way and preventing the

"At last, by mere accident, some disinterested person chanced to learn of the inis no indication of our Methodist brethren's take their lives in their hands it offered an terrupted negotiations, and casually suggested that, perhaps, the old woman might have been some relative of a little girl of the same name who had died while on a visit in Indianapolis many years before, and whose body had been shipped to a small Georgia town for burial. He remembered reading about the death of the little girl while looking over some old back numbers of a local paper in search of a certain poem of which he wished to make a copy. The item about the death of the child had been printed alongside the poem which he was seeking, and it was in this way that he had taken notice of it.

A LITTLE EPISODE. "Was it not strange that a litle episode

like that should have made possible the untangling of the problem? The lawyers acted upon the clew without delay, and soon had everything cleared up satisfactorily. Inquiry in the Georgia town where the little girl's remains had been shipped proved that the child was a granddaughter of the old woman who had signed the deed. and that the old woman herself was a widow at the time she had placed her signature at the end of the document. Of course, the transaction then took place without any more ado over the matter, but if those old newspaper files had not been preserved it is doubtful if the young man's clear title to the deed could have ever been

Just as soon as the city librarian had missing paper or mutilated number in the week Mr. Henry and his assistants will fore may be deduced that De Quincy's amagive their attention to "patching up" the day.

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## "NOTHING DOING."

A Slang Phrase So Old that It Has Become Classic.

Brooklyn Eagle.

Some of those who affect the picturesque in their language, interlarding their speech with what they suppose to be the latest slang phrases, eschewing accepted and approved English for what they think is the latest up-to-date coinage of the purlieus, may be shocked to learn that one of the latest and most frequently used phrases is at least fifty years old, and possibly clasas De Quincy, in writing his paper on the 'Knocking at the Gate in Macbeth," all of fifty years ago, framed this sentence: "All other murders (referring to Macbeth's) look pale by the deep crimson of his, and, as an amateur once said to me in a querulous tone, 'There has been absolutely nothing doing since his time, or nothing that's worth speaking of." Here the phrase is used in precisely the same form and in the same meaning that it is by the professor of slang in this day.

About the same time, perhaps a few years ater, Emerson said, in one of his essays, that youth would have its fling; that it demanded reach for its energies and ambitions, and that it would never be content away from the centers of industry and population ."where nothing is doing." is the same phrase. Shakspeare uses it as nothing done," but in the same sense, in Measure for Measure," "King Lear" and "Othello." Enough is shown to prove that the latest slang is, after all, old and of good use. Hitching this wagon of a slang phrase to the stars, Emerson, De Quincy and

Shakspeare, it becomes classic. It is a fair deduction to be drawn from the De Quincy quotation that the phrase "nothing doing" was slang in the day of his writing, and was used as such. It will be noted that the brilliant master of style did not use the phrase except as a quotation. From whom? An amateur murderer. This amateur laments that in the way of murders there has been "nothing doing" since made sure that there was not a single It is a fair conclusion that a man who tries purery as an amate Judge Roache's old newspapers over to with an effort to attain that degree of skill which he has set up as standard for himself Judge Roache's old newspapers over to is of that class and manner of men who use State Librarian Henry, and during this slang as a habit of speech. And it there-